

Jonathan Higgins Jr. – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Jonathan Higgins Jr. was born in Eastham in 1664. He was the oldest adult son of Jonathan Higgins and the grandson of Richard Higgins. Richard headed one of the seven original families that settled Nauset in 1644. Jonathan Jr. married and raised a family in Eastham. He probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Orleans Cemetery. Jonathan Jr. is an example of a third generation Eastham resident receiving Eastham land grants.

1699

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs about two acres adjoining the land where he lived near the Cedar Swamp and near a little swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stones marked J H. PDF M133, S93.

1703

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr., Jonathan Sparow and Joseph Young a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow by the beach. The dimensions indicate the lot was about four and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A277.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and John Freeman and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow near the beach. The dimensions indicate the lot was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A278, M163, S85.

1706

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr., Elisha Higgins and Joseph Higgins and their heirs by way of exchange about two acres of upland at Barley Neck near the dwelling house of Jonathan Linnell. This grant was on the condition that the Higgins quit their claim and return to the Town for town common all the meadow and marsh ground northeast of land of Jonathan Higgins and near the water. Bounds were indicated by stones marked J H. PDF A285, M45.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. about one acre southeast of his dwelling house and near the Cedar Swamp. Bounds were indicated by stones marked J H. This grant was in exchange for Higgins land on Sampson's Island which the Town was making into a common area for persons to quietly and peaceably enjoy. PDF A287, M50, M51.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs about two acres on the southern side of his dwelling house and near the Cedar Swamp and near a little pond. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF A288.

1711

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr., Jonathan Higgins Sr., James Higgins, Elisha Higgins and Nicholas Snow in joint and equal partnership the fifteenth lot in a grant of twenty-four shared lots on Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot probably was about six acres based on information about surrounding lots. PDF T89.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs about four acres on the southerly side of his dwelling house and on the southerly side of the Cedar Swamp. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T161.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs a six acre wood lot on the north side of Maziah Harding's wood lot and between the Grapevine Swamp and the First Brook. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T161.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs about four acres at Little Skaket Neck next to Maziah Harding's land and between the way which went toward Joseph Higgins' house and the way which went towards Town. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T161.

1715

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs about six acres of upland southeast of his other land and near land of James Higgins and near Mr. Paine's barn. Bounds were indicated by stones. Also granted was a parcel of land next to his orchard and at the easterly end of the Great Cedar Swamp. The dimensions of the parcel were not given but the grant probably was at least two acres. PDF T209.

Granted to Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs a wood lot southwest of his dwelling house and near the Great Cedar Swamp. The size of the lot was not given but the grant probably was at least five acres based on the size of the other 1715 wood lot grants. PDF T274.

The Eastham land owned by Jonathan Higgins Jr. and his heirs described in these records amounts to about forty acres. By 1745 thirty-three more Higgins received Eastham land grants.